



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations & Appointments Committee

Monday, November 5, 2012
Meeting Report

Attendance: S. Marmarou, R. Corcoran

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Michael Reese (appointment – Charter Review Commission)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Reese was interested in serving in this capacity. Mr. Reese stated that he is a life-long resident of Reading and was also a City employee for 30 years. He stated that he has retired but that this would give him a way to continue his public service. He stated that he has no preconceived notions and no agenda.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if there was anything specific that Mr. Reese would like to see changed about the Charter. Mr. Reese stated that there is nothing specific. He stated that he would review the document prior to forming opinions. He stated that he had worked under both the Commission and Charter forms of government and this would give him a unique way to look at the Charter. He stated that under the Commission form of government it often felt like a conflict for the legislators to also be administrators. He stated that he was a supporter of the transition to the Charter form of government.

Mr. Reese stated that he would keep an open mind. Mr. Corcoran stated that it would be good to have the review made by fresh eyes.

Mr. Reese stated that the budget timelines and the citizen participation are the most public portions of the Charter. He suggested that would be the place to begin the review.

Ms. Katzenmoyer questioned if being a former employee would be a pro or con. Mr. Reese stated that it would be a pro as he would have first-hand experience with Charter regulations.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained the membership of the Charter Review Commission and gave Mr. Reese a copy of the Charter for his review.

Mr. Reese stated that he had gone through many transitions during his time as an employee.

Mr. Corcoran thanked Mr. Reese for his service and for wanting to continue serving the City.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Michael Reese to the Charter Review Commission.

II. Police Civil Service Board

Mr. Marmarou questioned the opening on the Police Civil Service Board. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that Ms. Cwiklinski is no longer able to serve.

Mr. Marmarou noted his disagreement with appointing Mr. Broad to this capacity as he is retired from the Police Department. He stated that this is not appropriate as the appointees should have no affiliation with the Department.

Mr. Corcoran questioned who makes the appointment. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that it is Council.

Mr. Marmarou gave a brief background of Mr. Broad.

Ms. Reed arrived at this time.

Ms. Reed agreed with Mr. Marmarou stating that Mr. Broad would be in conflict as many items up for vote by this board would affect him personally. She stated that she would need to recuse himself often.

III. Council Meeting Schedule

Ms. Reed apologized for being late to the meeting. She stated that she was meeting with Ms. Snyder. Ms. Snyder has suggested rescheduling Council's November meetings due to the trip to Detroit. She suggested that the work session be held on November 13 and the general meeting be held on November 19. She stated that she will discuss this during the 4:30 budget meeting.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk